

AT THE THRESHOLD

LAST PLACE FIRST

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John 13

The Heart of Jesus Reveals a Servant

Serving others in love...

- Calls us to action
- Requires humility
- Is free of grudges
- Blesses the person who serves, not just the one being served

- Is about bringing glory to God, not ourselves

- Speaks to the world that Jesus is alive

Next Steps

- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- I will get baptized on Good Friday.
- This week I will serve _____
by _____



Lesson Aim: To grow in awareness of how to serve others as an example of Jesus Christ.

Ice-breaker: What is the best job that you ever had?

Open in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

1. **Read John 13:4-5.** Jesus could have done any act of service for the disciples as an example. Why do you think that he chose to wash their feet as the act of service? What made this such a big deal?
2. **Read 1 Peter 4:10.** What type of gift do you have that can be used to serve others? How are you currently using that gift?
3. **Read John 13:6-9.** Why did Peter respond this way? When you are approached to serve others, or be served, how do you feel or respond?
4. Why is a humble attitude about serving more important than the act of service you provide?
5. **Read Romans 12:9-13.** What stands out to you as an area you can focus on? What are some of the attitudes you are to have while serving Christ?

6. It is said that the person serving another often is more blessed than the person being served. When is a time that you have experienced this? How did it feel?
7. Jesus even served Judas, who He already knew was going to betray Him. What is the example we can learn from this? Is there anyone that you are avoiding reaching out to?
8. **Read John 13: 34-35.** What or who comes to mind that you need to reach out to? What is an opportunity of service for another you can do this week?

Daily Devotional Plan – Scriptures to help keep an attitude of servitude upon us.

Day 1 – Galatians 5:13

Day 2 – Acts 20:35

Day 3 – Colossians 3:23-24

Day 4 – 2 Corinthians 9:7-9

Day 5 – Romans 12:10-11

Day 6 – 1 Peter 4:10

Day 7 – Matthew 23:11

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?)
- What do you think? (What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?)
- What will you do? (What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?)
- Now talk to God (Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.)